

REMARKS

Claims 13-20 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ritchie (US 5857732). Ritchie does not disclose a vehicle door module including a spacing element having an adjustable dimension to adjust a distance between a support element and an outer panel zone as claimed. Ritchie discloses a plastic modular door for a vehicle. A bead of adhesive 70 bonds an outer skin member 12 to an intermediate shell 16 (column 4, lines 34 to 67). Ritchie does not disclose that the adhesive 70 has an adjustable dimension to adjust a dimension between the outer skin member 12 and the intermediate shell 16. Ritchie only discloses that the adhesive 70 bonds the outer skin member 12 and the intermediate shell 16 by using a hot and cool air bonding apparatus and method. The claimed invention is not anticipated, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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